School and education ESL lesson plan (B2)

B2 (upper intermediate) · 60 minutes · for English teachers · englishcue.app

Stage	Time
Warm-up	5–10 min
Vocabulary	15 min
Controlled practice	10 min
Grammar focus	10 min
Speaking	15 min
Wrap-up and homework	5 min

1. Warm-up (5–10 min)

- Tell me about a teacher who changed something for you.
- What did you hate at school that you find interesting now?
- What is the hardest thing about learning English for you?

2. Vocabulary (15 min)

Elicit each word before you give it, model the pronunciation, then check meaning with a quick question.

Word	Meaning	Example
curriculum	the subjects taught in a school or course	Coding is now part of the curriculum.
assessment	the process of judging students' work and progress	Continuous assessment is fairer than one final exam.
rote learning	learning by repeating, without understanding	Rote learning is still common in some schools.
critical thinking	the ability to analyze information and judge it	Schools should teach critical thinking.
lifelong learning	continuing to learn throughout your life	Lifelong learning is essential in a changing job market.
drop out	to leave school or university before finishing	He dropped out of college to start a business.
dropout	a person who leaves school or university before finishing	Some famous billionaires are college dropouts.
mature student	an adult who studies at university, usually over 25	She went back to university as a mature student.
tutor	a private teacher, or a university teacher for a small group	I have a math tutor once a week.
plagiarism	copying someone else's work and saying it is yours	Plagiarism can get you expelled.

Grammar focus (10 min): Used to: first contact

Twenty years after school, old classmates meet at a reunion. Ben: “Jess! You used to have long red hair!” Jess: “And you used to be so shy! Now you’re a TV presenter!” By the end of this lesson you can talk about past habits and situations that have changed.

Form	Pattern	Example
Used to	used to + base form	I used to have long hair.
Negative · question	didn’t use to · Did … use to?	Did you use to play football?
Past simple	one time, a date	I went to Greece in 2015.
Now	present simple + usually	I usually cycle to work.

Watch for: ~~I use to play tennis when I was young.~~ → **I used to play tennis when I was young.**. Past: used to.

Speaking (15 min): Design the perfect English class

The learner designs their ideal English lesson: how long, what activities, how much correction, what homework. They present it and you negotiate two changes. Use the result in your real planning.

Useful language

- I’m good at… / I’m hopeless at…
- to pass · to fail · to revise · to drop out
- I find it hard to…
- I studied… at… / I graduated in…
- I learn best when…
- a degree · a course · a term · a mark

Wrap-up and homework (5 min)

- Each learner says the three new words they will remember, and one sentence with each.
- Homework: write 80–120 words about school and education using at least six words from the lesson and the grammar point.
- Self-study: the B2 school and education vocabulary page on englishcue.app has a self-correcting quiz with all 22 words.

School and education (B2)

Student handout · Name: _____ · Date: _____

A. Word bank

excelled · gifted · crammed · brush up on · well-rounded · academic · learn the ropes · expelled

B. Complete the sentences

Use a word from the word bank. Then compare with a partner.

1. I need to _____ my French.
2. She _____ in languages.
3. It took me a month to _____.
4. I _____ all night for the test.
5. He was _____ for fighting.
6. Schools should produce _____ students.
7. The school has a program for _____ children.
8. Her _____ results are excellent.

C. Talk with a partner

Ask and answer. Make notes of one interesting answer to report to the class.

1. How do you remember new words?
2. What have you learned outside school that is more useful than what you learned inside it?
3. Do you learn better alone or with other people?
4. What would you study if you could start again?
5. Is it harder to learn as an adult? Why?

Write

Write 80–120 words about school and education. Use six words from the lesson.

Answer key

B. Complete the sentences: 1 brush up on · 2 excelled · 3 learn the ropes · 4 crammed · 5 expelled · 6 well-rounded · 7 gifted · 8 academic